

Kearns Wanted Rickard to Handle Great Ring Battle, but Tex Had to Ask to Be Promoter

TEX RICKARD PLAYED LONE HAND, TOOK BIG CHANCE AND WON OUT

Jack Kearns Conceived Half-Million-Dollar Purse, He Interested Brady and Cochran and When This Pair Backed Down 'Champion Promoter' Stepped In

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NOW that we have settled the Dempsey-Carpenter thing and handed a few thousand words to the victor and the victim, let's stray off the path for a time and take up another topic—meaning Tex Rickard, "champion promoter."

Tex put over the biggest athletic event ever held in this or any other hemisphere, and when the final returns came in he was declared a big winner. The curious fans kicked in with \$1,623,380, and when the enormous expenses were deducted there was enough left to rest comfortably for a couple of months. Rickard played for high stakes, gambled the entire bankroll, took a long chance and now everybody is telling him what a clever guy he is. Had he gone overboard in this venture he would have been swept out of the picture with the peanut shells.

It wasn't an easy thing for Rickard to put this fight across. He was not even considered at first, because W. A. Brady and Charles Cochran were the original promoters. They were brought into it by none other than Jack Kearns, who, despite his numerous and glaring faults, is one of the smartest, shrewdest managers we ever have had. It was he who dragged Brady and Cochran into it.

Kearns had to do a lot of explaining at the start, but finally convinced Brady and his English pal that the risk was small and the profits large. He got a lot of publicity and this reached Rickard. Tex felt peeved on being declared out, and after calling on Kearns several times finally was admitted as a third partner. This is what Kearns was looking for. He wanted Rickard to handle the show, but didn't care to ask him what he had to do the asking.

When the New York commission ruled that no seat could be sold for more than \$15 for a championship bout, Brady and Cochran got cold feet and withdrew. This left Rickard holding the bag, as it were, and Tex, too, became nervous. New York was the logical place for the battle, because fifteen rounds were allowed and a decision given at the end. In Pennsylvania and New Jersey no decision affairs are tolerated and it was feared that a bout like that wouldn't draw well there. Rickard was all set to pull out, and it was then that Kearns got busy again and got him back in line.

HE HAD conferred with Dempsey and Carpenter, gained their confidence and they wrote to Tex, telling him they were satisfied with any arrangement he might make. All they wanted was a chance to fight for the title.

Cuban Promoters Were Masqueraders

A STORY is told about the final argument which made Rickard go through with the match. It will be remembered that two Cubans appeared on the scene a few months ago and offered \$500,000 to stage the match in Havana. They were willing to put up a large bunch of money to bid the match and for a time it looked as if they had the inside track. Those two Cubans, it is said, convinced Rickard that he should have the big battle. After they made their little speech the foreigners stepped out of the picture, never to be heard of again.

They say that Jack Kearns went to some Spanish restaurant on the East Side of New York, picked up two waiters who could speak passable English, dolled them up in new clothes and high hats, rehearsed them in their speaking part and had them call at his hotel when Rickard was there. They did that very thing, and made their talk so strong that Tex was visibly impressed. Perhaps the entire plot cost Kearns about \$500, and see what he got out of it!

After that another bidder appeared, this time from Canada. This showed interest in the match—Rickard was trying to put over. Rickard finally selected Jersey City and then his troubles commenced. A new Boxing Commission was appointed and he had to get acquainted. The arena was started and the final cost was three times as much as the original estimate. Money was spent recklessly, and two weeks before the fight was held it looked as if Tex was about to lose everything, including his cane. The expenses were close to \$1,000,000, and nobody ever dreamed that he could pay that mark in receipts.

Rickard made one big mistake, but that was due to lack of confidence in the match. He made the top price \$50, and after that he feared it was too much. There were Government and State taxes to be considered, and Tex, rather than take a chance on adding 20 per cent more to the tickets, decided to pay the taxes out of his own pocket. That gave him only 80 per cent to work on, and it did not seem enough, especially when the boxers were to receive \$500,000 for can work.

Anyway, Rickard went through with it and got by. He entertained the largest crowd that has attended a sporting event in America and took in more money than ever before. Out at Toledo the receipts—then a world's record—amounted to \$452,000. Last Saturday almost four times that amount was taken in. All of which goes to show again that one never can tell what will happen in the sports world.

Dempsey was not comfortable on the money he has made, and the same goes for Carpenter. They were well paid for their services, but they, too, committed an error in judgment. They were offered a percentage of the gate, but turned it down in favor of a flat guarantee.

HAD they gambled with Rickard, they would have received at least \$100,000 more.

Matt Hinkle Offered Million Dollars

THIS is not the first time a promoter conceived a million-dollar gate at a boxing match. Four years ago Matt Hinkle, of Cleveland, tried to put over a big match and offered \$1,000,000 for the privilege.

It was during the war and Dempsey was not seriously considered. Fred Fulton was the big man then and stood out as the best of the challengers for Willard's title. Fredward had issued furious challenges and was given the cold treatment. This gave him more courage and he insisted that Jess give him a chance to knock his block off.

While this discussion was at its height Matt Hinkle visited Philadelphia. Matt is one of the foremost figures in the boxing game and one of the wealthiest men engaged in the sport. Boxing to him is a side line and he loves to promote and referee bouts. He never accepts a fee for refereeing and most of the money he takes in at his shows goes to the fighters.

"I would like to stage that Willard-Fulton match," he said, "and I believe I can make it interesting for all parties concerned. The match will draw a lot of money and I am willing to give it."

"If Willard and Fulton will get together I will pay \$1,000,000 for the match. The boxers will be paid out of that and all of the remaining money will go to the Red Cross. The idea is to have the boxers do something to help their country. The money will come in handy. All I ask is that the match be held in New York and it must be twenty rounds to a decision."

This offer was turned down by Willard and the match fell through. However, had it been held at that time there is no doubt that more than \$1,000,000 would have been taken in at the gate.

THUS Matt Hinkle was the first who offered to put up an amount totaling seven figures for a boxing match.

Carp Can Punch—Jack Can Take It

THE pictures of the Carpenter-Dempsey fight show that the champion was in distress in the second round and end all arguments about the effect of the Frenchman's blows. Several Philadelphia fans who were near the ring say Dempsey was almost due for a trip to the floor when Georges socked him with those three right punches and the two opponents.

"Dempsey looked ready to go," said one of the eye-witnesses today. "He was hit flush on the chin, and before he recovered from his surprise another landed on the same spot."

"To me it looked like one of those old-time battles Benny Leonard used to have at the Olympia. Benny is not a one-punch knockout fighter. He shoots over his right, and when his man is dazed he hits him three or four more times before he drops. He did this to Jimmy Murphy, and I thought Dempsey would go the same way."

"In that round Dempsey proved that he can take it. He absorbed punishment and it will take a mighty good man to win from him. Jack took enough punishment on the chin in the second round to knock out a couple of ordinary fighters, and when the gong sounded and Dempsey was still on his feet I felt sure that it was all over and there was no chance for the Frenchman."

Perhaps Carpenter was handicapped by those eight-ounce gloves. In Europe they use four-ounce mitts and the heavy hitter has a chance to get his punches over. However, Georges also had a break with those heavy gloves. Dempsey might have killed him in the first round had the four-ounce gloves been used.

NOW that it is all over, Jersey City will be placed in moth balls again and go into retirement for another hundred years.

You Auto Know

When taking a long journey it is best to use alcohol-free drinks. The best thirst quenchers are lemonade, watermelon juice, and watermelon juice.

In buying new tires, place the two old ones on the front wheels, for the wheels at the back have to bear more weight than the others.

Lower fuel consumption will result from driving a car on a hand throttle.

I. B. Fox Has Open Dates

The I. B. Fox Co. has a few open dates on its schedule and is anxious to book parties with its brilliant home of reasonable guarantees. William O'Brien, 300 North Third Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Phone 1234.

DONOVAN SMILES AS PHILS WIN ONE

Pleased at Showing of His Team, Wild Bill Waxes Enthusiastic Over Future

BRAVES ARE FIGHTING MAD

"We'll get going. Watch us. The boys feel that some jinx has been following us or we wouldn't be down in the bottom so deep." Bill Donovan was speaking and Wild Bill Wynn was in a much more jovial state of mind than he is accustomed to be after a game is over. The Phils had bested Mitchell's speedy Braves in a hectic tilt and general smiles played over the features of all the players in the dressing room in addition to the wide one that covered Donovan from his forehead to his chin. The manager continued:

"They went out there this afternoon and fought to the last and won. They have been in the right stuff all along, but with different results. Baumgartner came through in great style. He got a trifle wild in the ninth and I ranked him, but with he twirled better than any time this season. Once he gets going the fans will forget that Eppa Rixey ever twirled here."

"The thing I did us a world of good. We will have a brilliant infield infield utility star to call on at any time in Richbourg, who certainly ranks me in practice by the manner in which he has fought the game. I am not at all sure that I am not a bit of a big help. Rapp will bolster us up in the outfield and the outfield needs no recommending. I am not at all sure that Smith at second for a while to give him every chance to show his wares. The boys are up to the pitchers; and as they are round to the pitcher's box, they will get going. Little Jimmy Keany was sent to Rochester in the International League to get more work and more experience."

Donovan Praises Rawlings

At this point Johnny Rawlings, the Phils' second sacker up until last Thursday, came in to shake hands and bid goodby. After Johnny had departed, Donovan cleared his throat and spoke a few words. "Johnny is a mighty fine fellow, and a good ball player, and should just about make the grade. He is a right-handed pitcher and is placing Rawlings on second will give McGraw an airtight infield. We had to trade Johnny to get the three young ones we did, and while I am sorry to see him go, I think that this is the better of a none too brilliant flatterer. Outside of the game ended between the Braves and the Phils, the best of the Braves' pitching staff, and Boeckle, late of the Pirates, and third base guard for the Beantown team, is the best of the Phils' pitching staff, and I am sure that he will be a big help to us. We will digress from the fight a little to tell something of the victory. Cecil Algonquin Causy, whose arm has been giving him trouble for the past few weeks, thought he had at last conquered his ailment and started on the hill. A run, the result of three singles, was the first in the inning that he was not in shape and Lefty Baumgartner took the hill.

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Cincinnati	33	22	665
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Chicago	30	25	650
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Pittsburgh	25	30	625
Washington	24	31	620
Detroit	23	32	615
Chicago	22	33	610
Cleveland	21	34	605
Philadelphia	20	35	600
St. Louis	19	36	595
Boston	18	37	590
Pittsburgh	17	38	585
Washington	16	39	580
Detroit	15	40	575
Chicago	14	41	570
Cleveland	13	42	565
Philadelphia	12	43	560
St. Louis	11	44	555
Boston	10	45	550
Pittsburgh	9	46	545
Washington	8	47	540
Detroit	7	48	535
Chicago	6	49	530
Cleveland	5	50	525
Philadelphia	4	51	520
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Philadelphia	20	35	600
St. Louis	19	36	595
Boston	18	37	590
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Washington	16	39	580
Detroit	15	40	575
Chicago	14	41	570
Cleveland	13	42	565
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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia, 5; Boston, 4.
St. Louis, 5; Pittsburgh, 4.
Chicago, 5; Cincinnati, 4.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York, 7; Athletics, 5.
Washington, 5; Boston, 4 (first game).
Cleveland, 10; Chicago, 4.
Detroit, 5; Athletics, 4.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

Atlanta, 6; Mobile, 5.
Birmingham, 5; New Orleans, 1.
Memphis, 5; Nashville, 4.
Nashville, 10; Chattanooga, 8.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Milwaukee, 6; Kansas City, 1.
(Only games played.)

EASTERN LEAGUE

Hartford, 5; Worcester, 2.
Pittsburgh, 5; Worcester, 2.
New Haven, 10; Albany, 9 (10 innings).

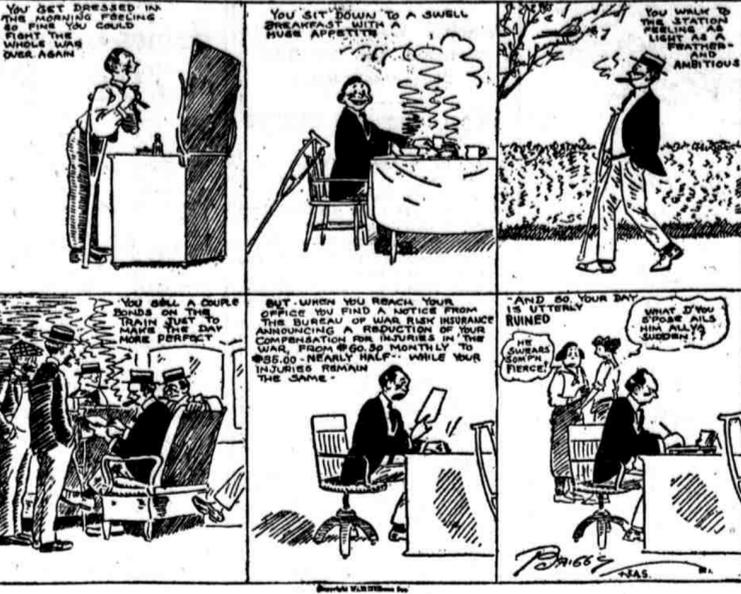
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HOW TO START THE DAY WRONG



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INDUSTRIALS PLAY FOR LEAGUE TITLE

Liggett & Myers and Budd Teams Clash This Evening for First-Half Honors

The first-half title of the Philadelphia Manufacturers' Baseball League will be decided this evening at C and Ontario streets between teams representing the plants of the E. G. Budd Co. and Liggett & Myers. Both have come through the initial series with the loss of a single game. The only contest dropped by Liggett was to Western Union, 9-8, and Budd was beaten by Liggett, 6-4.

Both defeats were the result of ninth-inning rallies by the winners. Kohler or Kent will hurl for Liggett, while Guyer will be the selection of Budd. The largest crowd that ever witnessed a league game is expected as the entire plants of the contesting teams will be on hand to root for their respective favorites.

Due to industrial conditions, there will be a vacancy in the league at the start of the second series this Saturday. The game will be filled at a meeting to be held tomorrow or Thursday evening. Any plant wishing to enter should communicate with James Hunter at Hoopes & Townsend.

Changes in Strawbridge Line-Up

Strawbridge & Clothier opposes Aberfoyle, of Chester, at Sixty-third and Walnut streets, and Manager Truitt, of the locals, announces that the part of the second series of the industrial personnel of the team as he is far from satisfied with the playing of his club, especially after the defeats sustained on Saturday and Sunday.